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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2 cancelled.

3. (currently amended) A <u>computer-based</u> method <u>useful in developing software having</u>

for comparing multiple versioned documents, comprising:

comparing a line of one of the documents to a line of another documents;

determining whether or not there are more than a pre-determined number of

differences between the lines; and

determining whether or not to indicate the differences between the lines based on the

determination of whether or not there are more than the pre-determined number of

differences between the lines, such that:

if so there are more than the pre-determined number of differences between

the lines, then indicating the differences are indicated; and

and, if there are not more than the pre-determined number of differences

between the lines, then the differences are not indicated.

4-5 cancelled

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 3 where the differences are characters.

7. (original) A medium bearing representations of computer instructions and data for

carrying out the method of claim 3.

8-38 canceled.

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39. (currently amended) A <u>computer-based</u> method <u>useful in developing software having</u> <u>for comparing</u> multiple versioned documents, comprising:

comparing a subdivision of one of the documents to a subdivision of another of the documents;

determining <u>or not</u> whether there are more than a pre-determined number of differences between the subdivisions; and

determining whether or not to indicate the differences between the subdivisions based on the determination of whether or not there are more than the pre-determined number of differences between the subdivisions, such that:

if so there are more than the pre-determined number of differences between the subdivisions, then indicating the differences are indicated; and

and, if there are not more than the pre-determined number of differences between the subdivisions, then the differences are not indicated.

- 40. (previously presented) The method of claim 39 where the subdivisions are multi-line sections of each of the two documents.
- 41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40 where the differences are lines.
- 42. (previously presented) A medium bearing representations of computer instructions and data for carrying out the method of claim 39.